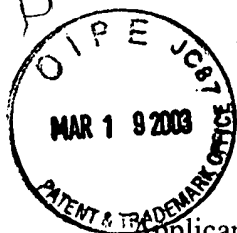


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 12, 2003, applicants respectfully request that the Notice be withdrawn.

In the Response to Notice to Comply filed on January 30, 2003, applicants submitted copies of a Paper Copy of Sequence Listing and a Preliminary Amendment that were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 14, 1998. Because the Preliminary Amendment was filed before September 8, 2000, it did not contain and was not required to contain clean and marked up versions of replacement paragraphs.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful telephone conversation with the undersigned on February 11, 2003. The Examiner stated that the present Notice, which was issued in error, has now been withdrawn and that the Preliminary Amendment has been entered. Accordingly, applicants need not resubmit the amendment with clean and marked up versions of replacement paragraphs.

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